

## Delaware Renewable Energy Taskforce

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Public Service Commission Hearing Room

Dover DE, 19904

### Meeting Minutes

Members and alternates:

Rob Underwood, Acting Chair, DNREC Division of Energy & Climate	Present
Tom Noyes, DNREC Division of Energy & Climate (Alternate)	Present
Glenn Moore, Delmarva Power	Present
Dale Davis, Delaware Solar Energy Coalition	Present
Pam Knotts, Public Service Commission	Present
Lyris Cullinan, DuPont, Renewable energy research & development industry	Absent
Dave Holleran, Local renewable energy manufacturing industry	Absent
Mark Nielsen, Delaware Electric Cooperative (Alternate)	Absent
Scott Lynch, Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (Alternate)	Present
Drew Slater, Public Advocate	Present
Andrea Maucher, Public Advocate (Alternate)	Present
Steve Hegedus, Environmental advocacy organizations	Present
Senator Harris McDowell, Sustainable Energy Utility	Absent
Tony DePrima, Sustainable Energy Utility (Alternate)	Present

Also present:

Kevin Quilliam, Incline

David Stevenson, Caesar Rodney Institute

Rob Underwood opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The Taskforce reviewed the minutes from the April 4, 2018 meeting. Scott Lynch had a minor edit for his comment in the minutes to add “RECs” to the sentence, “Scott Lynch said he agrees with using out-of-state *RECs and SRECs* and that Delaware shouldn’t close the borders.” Glenn Moore moved the minutes be approved with that one change. Scott Lynch seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Glenn Moore briefed the Taskforce on Delmarva Power’s RFP for wind power as required by the Exelon merger settlement. An RFP for the first 40 MW tranche was issued February 17, 2017. DPL began negotiations with the winning bidder. While DPL was comfortable with the price, the bidder’s parent company was not able to agree to terms on a contract. DPL plans to issue a new RFP for two 40 MW tranches (since the first tranche never resulted in a contract) and has made two changes to the terms of the RFP involving financial security and performance assurance.

Steve Hegedus asked if it is realistic to seek a contract for RECs only and not energy or capacity. Glenn Moore said yes, DPL has entered into such contracts before. He asked for the Taskforce to approve the proposed RFP before DPL presented it to the Public Service Commission.

Glenn Moore moved the Taskforce approve the RFP. Dale Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Regarding DPL's SREC procurement, Tom Noyes said the program was on the PSC agenda for June 19. Glenn Moore asked when the auction should be held. Dale Davis said that we have traditionally allowed a month to get the word out. Kevin Quilliam agreed and said it should be open for two weeks to allow time for customer service for auction participants. Glenn Moore said that July 16 seemed like a good day to open the auction.

Pam Knotts said that the PSC has received a huge influx of applications for certification of renewable energy installations, and the PSC Staff will ask the Commission to waive the certification rules to allow extra time to work their way through the resulting backlog.

Tom Noyes raised the Commission's consideration of the RPS cost control rules in Regulation Docket No. 56. Pam Knotts said they plan to go the Commission with final regulations, perhaps in late August. Glenn Moore asked if this would affect consideration of the SREC auction. Drew Slater said he thinks the auction should be okay. Glenn Moore said DPL has a higher percentage of RECs under long term contract than SRECs. Dew Slater said that a freeze of the RPS would keep it at the current level. Dale Davis said that the 2018 procurement is designed to meet the 2018 SREC requirement.

Scott Lynch raised the issue of DNREC's role in deciding to freeze the RPS. Pam Knotts said that the PSC has to issue an order to DPL in the case of a freeze. Glenn Moore said this looks like it will go back to the legislature.

Rob Underwood opened up the discussion to the public. Dave Stevenson said that DNEC did a calculation for 2015, but that there was no calculation in 2016. Pam Knotts said the rules will determine when a freeze would become effective, and that a freeze could not be retroactive.

Tony DePrima asked about externalities. Tom Noyes said the PSC's proposed rules do not provide for externalities.

Dave Stevenson said the Taskforce should confront the high likelihood of an RPS freeze, and said that RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) fund could be used to support solar energy if the RPS is frozen. Andrea Maucher said the Green Energy Fund would still be there to support solar energy in the case of a freeze.

Rob Underwood adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

